

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

FRANK MENSAH,)	
)	ORDER
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	8:03CV80
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RENT-A-CENTER, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	
TAJI GLASS,)	
JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	8:04CV199
)	
vs.)	
)	
RENT A CENTER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Consolidate (Filing No. 70, in case 8:03CV80 and Filing No. 79, in case number 8:04CV199). The parties state the matters should be consolidated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) because the cases have common questions of fact and law. Consistent with their motion, the parties seek to apply the Progression Order in case 8:04CV199 to both cases. Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The parties' Joint Motion to Consolidate (Filing No. 70, in case 8:03CV80 and Filing No. 79, in case number 8:04CV199) is granted.
2. Case No. 8:03CV80 and Case No. 8:04CV199 are hereby consolidated for all purposes. All motions, notices and filings shall be filed in both cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

1. **Deposition Deadline.** All depositions, whether or not they are intended to be used at trial, shall be completed by **August 31, 2005**. All interrogatories, requests for admission and requests for production or inspection, whether or not they are intended to be used at trial, shall be served sufficiently early to allow rule time response before that date. Counsel may stipulate to extensions of time to respond to discovery requests in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 29, as amended, but such extensions shall not extend any of the dates in this order; any requests for extensions of any of the deadlines herein shall be made by appropriate motion and order.

2. **Disclosure of Expert Witnesses.**¹ Each plaintiff, counter-claimant, and cross-claimant shall, as soon as practicable but not later than sixty (60) days prior to the date set for the completion of depositions, serve all opposing parties with the statement required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) regarding each expert witness it expects to call to testify at trial pursuant to the provisions of Rule 702, 703 or 705, Fed. Rules of Evidence. Each defendant, counter-defendant, and cross-defendant shall serve its statement of the expert witnesses it expects to call to testify pursuant to Rule 702, 703 or 705, Fed. Rules of Evidence, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the completion of depositions. If necessary to refute the disclosed opinions of an expert witness of an opponent, a party may disclose additional expert witnesses not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for completion of depositions, provided that the disclosing party then provides all of the information described in Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(a)(2) and makes the expert witness available for deposition prior to the date set for completion of deposition. Supplementation of these disclosures, if originally made prior to these deadlines, shall be made on these deadlines as to any information for which supplementation is addressed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e). The testimony of the expert at trial shall be limited to the information disclosed in accordance with this paragraph.

¹ Generally, a treating physician shall not be deemed to be "retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in a case" within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B), but a treating physician must be identified pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A).

3. **Pretrial Disclosures.** Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3), each party shall provide to all other parties the following information regarding the evidence that it may present at trial other than solely for impeachment purposes as soon as practicable **but not later than the date specified:**

A. Nonexpert Witnesses - On or before August 1, 2005: The name, address and telephone number of each witness, separately identifying those whom the party expects to present and those whom the party may call if the need arises.

B. Deposition Testimony and Discovery - On or before November 1, 2005: 1) The portions of each deposition, designated by page and line, that it intends to offer and 2) each discovery response of another party it intends to offer. Such designations and any objections thereto shall also be included in the final pretrial conference order. **See** NECivR 16.2.

C. Trial Exhibits - On or before November 1, 2005: A list of all exhibits it expects to offer by providing a numbered listing and permitting examination of such exhibits. The parties shall also designate on the list those exhibits it may offer only if the need arises.

D. Waiver of Objections - Any objections to the use of witnesses, deposition designations, discovery responses, or exhibits shall be listed in the pretrial order. Failure to list objections (except those under Fed. R. Evid. 402 and 403) shall be deemed waived, unless excused by the court for good cause shown.

E. Filing of Disclosures - The filing of pretrial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) shall be deemed filed at the time of the filing of the Order on Final Pretrial Conference in this matter.

4. **Motions in Limine.** Any motions *in limine* shall be filed not later than **November 9, 2005.**

5. **All** motions for summary judgment shall be filed **on or before July 1, 2005**.
See NECivR 56.1 and 7.1.

6. **The Final Pretrial Conference** with the undersigned magistrate judge is set for **November 18, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.** in chambers, Suite 2271, Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse, 111 South 18th Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska. The final pretrial conference shall be attended by lead counsel for represented parties. Counsel shall complete prior to the pretrial conference, all items as directed in NECivR 16.2. By the time of the pretrial conference, full preparation for trial shall have been made so that trial may begin at any time during the session indicated below.

7. **Trial** is set to commence **at 8:30 a.m. on December 12, 2005**, in Omaha, Nebraska, before the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon and a jury.

8. **Motions to Alter Dates.** All requests for changes of date settings shall be directed to the undersigned magistrate judge by appropriate motion.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

s/Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge